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1. On 20 May 1949 some 400 Soviet officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men reportedly arrived in Durres on a Soviet steamship. These were to reinforce the Soviet Military Mission in Albania. Some left immediately for Tirana, 60 went to Elbasan and some remained in Durres.
2. The 60 Soviets who went to Elbasan are billeted in the barracks where an artillery training center is located. A heavy artillery regiment, which was formed recently, is also stationed at these barracks.
3. The Soviet Mission in Albania now includes nearly 1000 Soviet military men, and about 800 technical experts supervising the various highway construction projects, the mines and the oil wells.

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5. The members of the Soviet Mission in Albania are assigned as follows:
 - a. There is a military group in ~~all~~ ~~each~~ ~~regiment~~ down to and including the regiment. The group in ~~each~~ ~~regiment~~ is composed of 2-3 lower-ranking Soviet officers, 2-3 non-commissioned officers or privates, a WT station, and one or two motor vehicles.
 - b. The group in each division is composed of 6-8 officers (3 of whom are high-ranking), 10-15 enlisted men, a WT station, and 3-4 motor vehicles.
6. ~~There is an officers' school near Tirana with Soviet officers as instructors. About 350 cadets attend this school, 20 of whom are intended for the Albanian Navy.~~

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III. Albania

there are no Soviet Army or Air Force personnel

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